

YORKTOWN.

Visit of the Congressional Committee.

GOVERNOR HOLLIDAY, GENERAL TIDWELL, AND OTHER DISTINGUISHED PERSONS PRESENT—THE BATTLE MONUMENT—SALUTES IN HONOR OF THE GOVERNOR AND CONGRESSMEN—PERSONAL ITEMS, &c.

[Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.] YORKTOWN, July 28, 1880.

Yorktown is not a flourishing-looking town, and although they say it once imported goods for New York and Philadelphia, I do not anticipate that history will repeat itself. Athens, however, is a number of dead cities elsewhere than in Holland. Yorktown, however, has its history, as your readers know, and it is the place of all others on the continent for a battle monument. It has not one site, but a dozen, upon which a commanding column of granite or heroic figures in bronze will be erected. The place that could easily float along a river and the merchant-vessels of the world. You already know that Congress has appropriated \$20,000 for the proper celebration of the centennial of the surrender of Cornwallis at this place, and that the event to be commemorated occurred October 19, 1781. You further know that one hundred thousand dollars has been set apart by our national legislators for the erection of a monument. This legislation, so patriotic in its purpose, has made this a field-day at "Little York" for this Government. The committee brought here at noon the members of Congress in charge of the work and a number of distinguished citizens interested in its success.

THE PERSONNEL OF THE PARTY.

The local authorities, with Dr. Powers, ex-State senator, at their head, received the distinguished visitors and gave them a hearty Virginia welcome. The party included Senator Johnston, chairman of the committee; Hon. John W. Stevenson, a member of the committee of thirteen; Hon. Mr. Davis, of North Carolina, also a member of the sub-committee; Governor Holliday, General Tidwell, commander, and Major Campbell, post-quartermaster at Old Point; Judges R. W. Hughes and Asa Dickinson, Colonel Peyton and son, of New Jersey; Dr. Buchanan, of Washington, whose grand-father was a surgeon in the French army at Yorktown; James Barron Hope, M. C. Glenham, and Captain J. S. Tucker, of the Norfolk press; Mr. Winchell, of the New York Tribune; and Colonel Rodgers, clerk of the House Committee on Education and Labor. Among those who were present to receive them were Captain Richard Wise, Lieutenant Peachy and Mercer, of the Williamsburg volunteer company (in uniform); Captain Robert Bright, and Colonel R. H. Armstrong and son, of the colonial capital; Colonel Collier Cabell, of Richmond, and Judge Warner T. Jones, of Gloucester, were also present.

WHAT WAS DONE BY THE COMMITTEE.

Senator Johnston and his colleagues examined with much interest and industry five of the proposed sites for the monument and ordered a survey of them. This will be done by Lieutenant Sedgwick Pratt, of the United States artillery, a most accomplished officer. All of them have merit, and that near the famous Spotswood house on "The Temple farm," embracing fifteen acres, was offered the committee by Mr. M. C. Glenham as a gift. He is a native of Dutchess county, New York, and one of the most enterprising citizens of the lower peninsula.

THE PLACE FOR THE CENTENNIAL ENCAMPMENT.

There is an immense plane, now in grass, around the Spotswood or Moore house, and grazed by a herd of Alderneys, which will be used as a camping-ground during the Centennial celebration. Its owner, Mr. Halstead, promises not only to have it mowed, but to add to it a large area of land now in cultivation. The Moore house is almost as historic as the old Nelson mansion, for within its spacious rooms Governor Spotswood entertained tradition, says, his country guests, and under its shade trees planned with his "Knights of the Golden Horseshoe" his expedition to the mountains of Virginia. When your correspondent announced that he intended to participate in the Centennial as captain of "the Governor's Guard" he was promised the best quarters in all this historic region. There is nothing like speaking early—in fact, many a man has lived a dreary bachelor's life for failing to do this.

THE MILITARY INTEREST IN THE CENTENNIAL.

The military officers I met at Old Point and here are as eager to make the celebration a success as are the civilians. General Tidwell, who gave the committee the benefit of his experience, is a near kinsman of the Winchester Tidwells, and Major Campbell, who brought the party here in the Monroe, and entertained them as hospitably as Governor Spotswood or any colonial knight could have done, is a nephew of the Hon. Lewis D. Campbell. He goes to Texas this fall on important public service; but the Quartermaster-General, I hear, at the request of the Congressional Committee, will order him back in time to give the Centennial the benefit of his valuable services.

THE PARTY UNDER FIRE.

As "The Monroe" left Old Point this morning the guns of the fort fired a splendid salute in honor of the returning general, and on his return he was welcomed by a salute in honor of the congressmen of the party. General Tidwell says "all behaved well under fire."

HOW LONG THE CELEBRATION WILL LAST.

Those who have the management of the Centennial intend to make it a grand affair, and in every way worthy of the closing scene in the drama of the American revolution. They should have the active cooperation of the state of Virginia and its citizens, and have realized that Richmond will do its whole duty. Some think it should last a month, and all that it will take several weeks. Colonel Peyton, who was prominent in connection with the Philadelphia Centennial, is most enthusiastic, and declares that it can be made one of the big events of the century. The French, he says, will send a fleet, a regiment of soldiers, and their best martial music, and with them will come Count Rochambeau, a grandson of the French naval commander who assisted Washington and Lafayette in capturing Cornwallis and his force.

THE MOORE HOUSE.

I do not see how some enterprising corporation should not get possession of this historic place and make it the resort of people from all parts of the country during the Centennial. The grounds offer great inducements, and will certainly be occupied by the military. The Moore house is on what is known as "The Temple" farm, which takes its name from "The Temple" which was erected by the settlers upon it. The remains of this building can be identified, but nothing is known by people here in regard to it further than that tradition says it was a church fortified against the attacks of Indians.

VETERANS OF THE SOLDIERS' HOME.

Captain Woodin, commandant of the Soldiers' Home at Hampton, says he will take his veterans to the Centennial, and they will attract attention and no doubt enjoy the ceremonies.

THE NAVAL AND MILITARY DISPLAY.

The war vessels of the United States and France will be in grand display in the waters of the York, and the volunteer companies from Virginia and other States which have already indicated a purpose to participate in the celebration will show the world a splendid body of citizen soldiers. The First Virginia regiment, of course, will attend in full force and reflect credit upon itself and your city even when brought in contrast with Maryland's crack regiment.

PERSONAL NEWS ITEMS.

Senator Johnston, Governor Holliday and

Judge Dickinson and Governor will go to Washington. The Governor will go to Winchester before returning to Richmond.

Mr. General Pickett and son, Mr. Wellington Goddard and family, Mr. Ben. Lipscomb and Mrs. Hult, of Richmond, are among the guests at Old Point. Mr. Yates, an Englishman, performed a feat of swimming this afternoon, although boats were sent to his assistance. He landed safely without their aid. He was warmly congratulated upon his success. The appointment of Captain John S. Tucker, ex-mayor of Norfolk, as clerk of the Yorktown Congressional Committee, is universally approved, and I have met no one who does not say that it is a wise selection. He will give the chairman, Senator Johnston, the most valuable assistance in the important work before him.

General Armstrong, the principal of the Hampton Normal School, is now in the Sandwich Islands. His Indian pupils seem to be getting on first rate.

CUMBERLAND.

THE FIFTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE JAMES-RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION HELD AT TARKWILL CHURCH.

[Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.] FARMVILLE, VA., July 28, 1880.

The fifty-eighth annual session of the James-River Baptist Association closed today. Mr. J. H. McLean, moderator, and Rev. L. B. Thornhill, clerk, among the "visiting brethren" were Rev. R. H. Griffith, W. L. Fitcher, A. E. Dickinson, and T. J. Starke. The last-mentioned got a hat nearly full of silver for his ministers' relief fund, while liberal collections were made for other benevolent purposes. The association, fifteen miles from here, and the crowd exceeded anything Cumberland county has seen "since the war."

Rev. A. E. Dickinson undertook to prove that this Association was able to pay for its mission work as well as the others in the State, but was unable to do so.

They say that all the leading Readjusters in Cumberland and Buckingham are going for the regular Democratic elections.

DICKINSON.

THE FIRST COURT HELD IN THE NEW COUNTY—THE COUNTY SEAT A POOR ONE—MEETING OF READJUSTERS.

[Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.] July 26, 1880.

The first court for the new county of Dickinson was held last Thursday—his Honor Judge Jones presiding. There was nothing special except the qualification of the officers and a host of attorneys. The place chosen for the court-house in the hill overlooking the county is a very rugged and indifferent one—not even a wagon-road in six miles of the place. Short speeches were made court-day by Messrs. Dickinson, Cally, and Kilgore, eulogizing the course taken by the Readjusters in their convention held in your city. Among them were Captain Richard Wise, Lieutenant Peachy and Mercer, of the Williamsburg volunteer company (in uniform); Captain Robert Bright, and Colonel R. H. Armstrong and son, of the colonial capital; Colonel Collier Cabell, of Richmond, and Judge Warner T. Jones, of Gloucester, were also present.

ISLE OF WIGHT.

A COLORED GIRL KILLED BY LIGHTNING.

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During a thunder-storm to-day, Rebecca, aged about twelve years, daughter of Wilkins Spratley (colored), was struck by lightning and instantly killed. She, with several other hands, was leaving the peanut-field of M. Bergen, in Day's Neck, Monday last, when a sudden shower of lightning and rain fell upon them. Rebecca was struck on the head, and fell dead. She was lying on her back, and was found by her father. The lightning struck her on the head, and she fell dead. She was lying on her back, and was found by her father. The lightning struck her on the head, and she fell dead. She was lying on her back, and was found by her father.

PERSONAL.

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA, July 29, 1880.

Editors Dispatch: Your correspondent in Charlottesville inappreciably reported me as declaring in my speech at that place on Monday last that I was a Readjuster, honest or otherwise. It was Mr. Merritt Briggs, of Suffolk, who said that he was "a State Readjuster, but not a national disorganizer." Yours truly, HENRY GINSON.

CUTICURA.

BLOOD AND SKIN REMEDIES.

Measles, Weeds & Potter:

Gentlemen—I have suffered over thirteen years with skin disease in my hands and limbs, causing constant irritation, itching, and distress. I have used many remedies, but none have given me permanent relief. I have used CUTICURA, and after following your directions, I have been cured. I have used CUTICURA, and after following your directions, I have been cured. I have used CUTICURA, and after following your directions, I have been cured.

SKIN HUMOR FOR TWENTY YEARS.

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SCALD HEAD FOR FOUR YEARS CURED.

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THE CUTICURA SYSTEM.

OF TREATING HUMORS OF THE BLOOD.

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THE LATEST NEWS.

BY TELEGRAPH TO THE DISPATCH.

A FIFTY-THOUSAND-DOLLAR FIRE IN NEW YORK—CONGRESSIONAL NOMINATIONS—FIGURE-HEAD OF THE ILL-FATED SHIP ATLANTICA FOUND AT SEA—BACER AT SARATOGA—THE ALLEGED FORGER OF JACKSONVILLE (FLA.) BACER COMMITTED TO THE TOMBS FOR TRIAL—DR. TANNER'S COMOTION GREATLY IMPROVED YESTERDAY—A STEAMER SUNK IN THE TENNESSEE RIVER—AN EMBEZZLING PRESIDENT OF A COLORADO BANK ARRESTED IN NEW YORK—ELECTION RIOT AT VICTORIA IN PERAMBULO: TWENTY PERSONS IN PERAMBULO: MANY INJURED—THE EUROPEAN TROUBLES—THE GOODWOOD RACES—SEVEN KAR. THOUQUE AT SYRINA—THE WAR IN AFGHANISTAN, &c.

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four or five thousand troops to Afghanistan from England within a few days, and that the military authorities are prepared to supply from England within the next fortnight 12,000 troops of all arms. The Admiralty has signified to the War Department its readiness to provide transportation for 20,000 men within three weeks. The India troops—Crocodile and Serapis are undergoing repairs, and are therefore not available for service this season.

THE BRITISH IN AFGHANISTAN.

LONDON, July 30.—General Sir Garnet Wolsey came to London yesterday from the island of Wight after hearing the news of the disaster at Candahar. A telegram was read at the India office from the Viceroy of India last night dated the 23rd instant, which refers to the dispatch of reinforcements from various points of India. It says that the battery of horse artillery at Lurrahchee has been ordered up. One battery is situated on the First Madras cavalry route, and the Eleventh foot at Bolan and the Fifteenth foot at Lurrahchee have been ordered up. General Phayre will receive a battery and a European regiment from the Punjab. His field column will master three batteries, nine squadrons, and three British and four native battalions. He expects to be ready in fifteen days. Candahar is provisionally to the end of October.

FURTHER INTELLIGENCE FROM AFGHANISTAN.

LONDON, July 31.—In the House of Commons this evening the Marquis of Hartington, Secretary of State for India, read a telegram from the Viceroy, of to-day's date, in which he says: "General Sander-man has sent me to obtain information from the Viceroy of Candahar, but the country from Khajik to Candahar is disturbed, and the messengers may be ten days in returning. The forces from Rabbah and Dushai posts are retiring towards Chaman Choki, along the line of communication. The British troops are being held by the natives, but are holding their own. Assistance is going to them from Chaman Choki. Native reports say that General Burrows's flight was severe, both sides losing heavily. Several tribes are reported to be collecting along the Zolan route, but the forces in Quetta and Peshawar are strong enough to check them. General Phayre has not yet been able to advance, and will await sufficient reinforcements to prevent the possibility of a further reverse."

Earthquake at Smyrna.

SMYRNA, July 29.—An earthquake which occurred here yesterday demolished four or five houses and damaged many others. Two persons were killed and five or six injured. Much damage was done in the adjacent country. At Burnabad eleven houses, several cafes, and two minarets were demolished. In Quetta and Peshawar are strong enough to check them. General Phayre has not yet been able to advance, and will await sufficient reinforcements to prevent the possibility of a further reverse."

Various Foreign Items.

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